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SUBJECT: SPITZ, George

Born 29 March 1893 Vienna. Austrian subject, Jewish.

We obtained through Friedmann the address of Spitz and picked him up Sunday May 13, because evidence was given that he had helped the SD in financial operations. Interrogation of subject follows:

In February 1942 I met a man named Hanz Oskar Markuse in Munich, who was half Jewish. During the conversation with him I mentioned my situation and the difficulties I was having because of being Jewish. At that time I badly needed identity papers. Markuse told me that he knew someone who could give me such papers, the price for which was 5000 marks. Markuse introduced me about two days later to Mrs. von Ehrenstein. Mrs. von Ehrenstein promised me, after a long conversation in which I mentioned my situation (I explained to her that I was only half Jewish) to give me a passport. I, on the other hand, promised her financial help. She was the secretary of a man named Dauser whom I had met through her and from whom I finally got the passport. Later on I became better acquainted with Mrs. von Ehrenstein.

After a while Mr. Dauser asked me to prove that I was half Aryan. In order to do this I had to go to Vienna to visit an old friend of mine and my family's, the former President of the Vienna Landesgericht, Hofrat Dr. Fritz Habietinek, Vienna I Rosengasse II. He gave me a letter stating that my mother, before she had died, had told him, Habietinek, that I was the son of an Aryan named Karl Neidl. I still have this letter.

Mr. Dauser called me up at the end of 1943 and introduced me to a man named Wendig. I think that he was a Hauptsturmf. The latter told me that I could walk around with my passport without doing anything for him. I asked him what he wanted of me. He said I should go to Belgium to buy foreign currency, gold, jewelry and pictures. Under the pressure of my situation, I had to do this and made altogether 6 trips to Belgium. I expended a total amount of 600,000 marks on the above items. Wendig gave for the exchange against the Belgian francs English pounds. Once I had trouble with seven notes (of the English pounds). I complained to Dauser and he took them back, and after inspection under a quartz lamp said that they were absolutely all right. I asked where these bank notes came from, and he told me that they were captured bank notes of the occupied countries. They never permitted me to know the whole organization, but I found out that they were running 50 agents for the same purpose as above.

I was under constant pressure of reprisals with which they threatened me and only by force did I undertake the above mentioned trips.

As far as I can remember the names of members of the organization are the Brothers BLASCHKE and a certain WAGNER. These were particularly active. Further I know that the Chief advisor of Wendig was a man named Gysling formerly for 15 years Consulate General at San Francisco.

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In my opinion Mrs. von Ehrenstein as secretary of Mr. Dauser must know everything about the whole organization and where these objects can be found and the purpose for which they were used. I myself could never learn that.

Description of Wendig, Fritz, alias Schwendt Berkins

Medium height; 35 years old; blond; hook nose; slender. Last residence Meran. Spitz believes he would be able to find him.

BLASCHKE, Rudolf

Small; slender; black hair; black eyes; 45 years old; last residence Abbazia.

BLASCHKE, Oskar

Black hair; medium height; slender; 40 years old. Abbazia.

Frau von EHRENSTEIN, Bertha

Small; reddish hair; medium height; 35 years old. Lives in Munich and Spitz believes he can easily find her.

Frau ALMERS

Frau Almers is a very well known art dealer, formerly in Munich, now living in Munich. Used to be purchases for Hitler himself. She could be found very easily and could give information about all of the hidden art treasures. She is a friend of Frau Hangstaengel of Berlin who was person of confidence of Himmler. It might be that Frau Almers knows how to find Frau Hanfstaengel.

COMMENTS:

We should get hold of von Ehrenstein and Dauser to learn more about the whole picture of the organization, and in this manner immediately get hold of Wendig and Gysling first. At the same time we should search for all the purchased objects, because they might be helpful for future underground activities of their organization. In my opinion it will be possible to get the whole organization, and at the same time obtain information about the planned post war Nazi activities.

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